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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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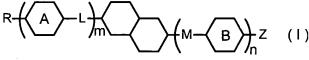
Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Invention 1: A compound represented by general formula (I):



(wherein, R and Z may be substituted with a halogen and represent alkyl groups or alkoxy groups having 1-16 carbon atoms, alkenyl groups having 2-16 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy groups having 3-16 carbon atoms, alkyl groups having 1-12 carbon atoms substituted with an alkoxy group having 1-10 carbon atoms, hydrogen atoms, fluorine atoms, chlorine atoms, trifluoromethoxy groups, difluoromethoxy groups, trifluoromethyl groups, 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy groups, cyano groups, cyanato groups, hydroxy groups or carboxy groups, m and n may be the same or different and respectively and independently represent an integer of 0-2, m+n 3, L and M may be the same or different and respectively and



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